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SUBJ: HONDURAS PROTESTS TO OAS

REF: (A) STATE 184775, (B) SAN SALVADOR 3807

1. LOCAL NEWSPAPERS HAVE PUBLISHED TEXT OF AUGUST 18 NOTE FROM FONMIN PALMA GALVEZ TO PRESIDENT OF THE COMMITTEE OF SEVEN, AMBASSADOR SEVILLA SACASA, EXPRESSING CONCERN OVER DELAY BY EL SALVADOR IN RATIFYING MEDIATION AGREEMENT AND PROTESTING RECENT GOES PUBLICATIONS WHICH SHOW SOME BORDER AREAS AS SALVADORAN.

2. FULL TEXT OF GOH NOTE WILL NO DOUBT BE AVAILABLE TO DEPARTMENT. MAIN POINTS ARE:

A. REFERENCE TO AMBASSADOR GALINDO'S AUGUST 4 NOTE TO THE OAS CONFIRMING THAT THE MEDIATION AGREEMENT HAD BEEN SENT TO SALVADORAN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR CONSIDER-
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ATION BUT STATING THAT HONDURAS NEVERTHELESS BELIEVES THAT DELAY IN RATIFICATION WILL CONTINUE TO BE A NEGATIVE FACTOR IN PROGRESS TOWARDS PACIFICATION.

B. DECLARATION THAT GOH CONTINUES TO SEEK A PEACEFUL SOLUTION AND IT WILL NOT CEASE URGING OAS EFFORTS, ESPECIALLY AS A MORE THAN REASONABLE TIME HAS ELAPSED. GOH MAINTAINS THAT DELAY IN REACHING A PEACEFUL SOLUTION

DOES NOT AFFECT HONDURAS' LEGITIMATE RIGHTS IN THE
DISPUTED AREAS.

C. PROTEST VIGOROUSLY THAT GOES IN RECENT PUBLICATIONS
(EL SALVADOR 1977, SECRETARIA DE INFORMACION DE LA
PRESIDENCIA DE LA REPUBLICA) INCLUDES A MAP EDITED BY
THE INSTITUTO GEOGRAFICO NACIONAL OF THAT COUNTRY
WHICH, IN DELINEATING WHAT IT CONSIDERS SALVADORAN
TERRITORIAL WATERS, HAS "IGNORED" THOSE RIGHTS WHICH
HONDURAS HISTORICALLY AND BASED ON INTERNATIONAL LAW HAS
HAD IN THE GULF OF FONSECA. GOH ALSO PROTESTS ANNOUNCE-
MENT BY PRESIDENT ROMERO, OF A ROAD CONSTRUCTION
PROGRAM IN THE NORTHERN PART OF THE COUNTRY THAT WILL
INCLUDE SOME LOCALITIES THAT GOH CONSIDERS TO BE
HONDURAN, SUCH AS LAS PILAS IN THE SAMPLUL ZONE AND
NAGUATERIQUE, SABANETAS AND EL ZANCUDO IN THE
NAGUATERIQUE ZONE.

3. GOH NOTE ASKS SEVILLA SACASA TO TRANSMIT CONTENTS TO
THIRTEENTH MEETING OF CONSULTATION SO THAT IT MAY CONSIDER
APPROPRIATE STEPS TO TAKE FOR THE SOLUTION OF THE CONFLICT.
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